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- 1. The following Polish naval officers have recently been secretly tried and sentenced on charges of negligence or espionage for western powers:
 - a. Vice Admiral Adam Mohuczy, sentenced to 13 years imprisonment. Mohuczy was the first post-war Commander of the Polish Navy after Soviet Admiral Abyamov was recalled to the USSR. In 1946 Mohuczy was replaced as Commander of the Navy by Admiral Steyer, and since then he has served as chairman of the Sea Leagus (Liga Morska), which solicits contributions for the navy.
 - b. Commander Konstanty Siemasako, sentenced to 15 years imprisonment. Siemasako was second assistant to the Commander of the Navy and officer in charge of naval training.
 - c. Commander (Engineer) Hilary Sipowicz, sentenced to 15 years imprisonment. Sipowicz was chief of the technical services branch (Sluzba Techniczna) of the navy.
 - d. Commander (Engineer) Wladyslaw Sakowicz, sentenced to 10 years imprisonment. Sakowicz served in the technical services branch.

Reports of the trial and sentences of these men have not appeared in the Polish press.

- 2. The following officers have been arrested and are now awaiting trial:
 - a. It. Commander Stanislav Mieszkowski, chairman of the Navy General Staff.
 - b. Lt. Commander Waclaw Wronks, in command of the Gdynia minesweeper fleet.
- The following naval appointments have been made:
 - a. It. Commander Marian Wojcieszek, former commander of the naval base at Swinoujscie (Swinemunde), has been appointed chairman of the Navy General Staff.

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- b. It. Commando: Robert Kasoerski, who retired from the navy in the fall of 1949, her returned to duty at the personal request of Marshal Rokossovski, and has resumed his duties on the Navy General Staff.
- 4. During Earch 1950 the Polish navy took part in three-day manoeuvres on orders of Marshal Rokossovski.
- 5. The submarine O.R.P. RIS is undergoing repairs at the Stocznia Gdanska shirgards in Gdansk. The axle box of the submarine is burned out, and she is badly in need of general repairs. The condition of the other two Polish submarines is not much better.
- 6. During March 1950 a large group of Polish-speaking Soviet officers arrived in Gdynia from Leningrad. They are quartered in the area of the Blok Officerski on Ulica Swietojanska in Gdynia. At present the Soviet officers are working side by side with Polish officers, but it is assumed that they will eventually replace the Polish officers in the more important positions.

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